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RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF THE MUSEUM

CATALOGUE OF THE HEARN COLLECTIONS.—Mr. George A. Hearn has recently presented to the Museum a catalogue of the Museum's collection of paintings bearing his name.* The book is a large-paper octavo, handsomely printed at The Gilliss Press, and consisting of reproductions of all the pictures in half-tone and heliogravure full-page plates faced by a brief description and certain important statistical matter such as the artists' dates, size of canvas and date of the painting.

The catalogue is preceded by a preface containing the correspondence which passed between Mr. Hearn and the Trustees of the Museum, and which sets forth the wishes of the donor and the conditions under which the gift of paintings was made and accepted.

Copies of the catalogue have been sent to all the members of the Museum, at Mr. Hearn's expense, and they have been placed on sale at the catalogue stands, where they may be had for sixty cents.

INDEX TO THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES, 1871-1902.—In 1903 the Annual Reports of the Trustees of the Association for the years 1871 to 1902 were reprinted, bound in one volume, to meet various demands, and an index to this volume has now been issued by the Museum.† Its purpose, as stated in the preface, is to make immediately available the information contained in the Reports.

*The George A. Hearn Gift to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the City of New York in the year MCMVI. New York, Printed for the Museum, MCMVI. xiv, 220 p. Octavo.

The rapid growth of the Museum, particularly of its collections, has made essential a means of ready reference to such information, and the Index forms a systematic guide to all material published within the period noted.

It may be well to indicate briefly the nature and extent of this material. A general history of the Museum from its foundation is included in the Annual Reports. The earlier of these record the installation of the collections in temporary quarters and the grant from the city of an appropriation and a permanent site: the later deal with the problems connected with new buildings and increased equipment. All statistics affecting growth and extended uses are given, and also the chief details of administration, such as the formation of committees, the development of departments, and provision for educational work. The financial statements show the receipts and disbursements for each year, and the establishment of special funds, with details of investment, income, etc. By means of lists, as well as of supplementary notes, the entire connection of each officer and member of the association, his special service and his personal efforts, may be traced. Acquisitions are not described at length, as such descriptions are confined to the Handbooks of the Museum, but every accession acquired by gift, loan, or purchase receives brief mention. In all this material many related facts must necessarily appear at irregular intervals, and the classification supplied by the index becomes more desirable with the issue of each Report.

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† Index to the Annual Reports of the Trustees of the Association from 1871 to 1902. New York, MCMVII. iii, 156 p. Octavo.

